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Texas men's basketball plays Sam Houston State University Bearkats at 7 p.m. at the Frank Erwin Center. Tickets are free with a LASP or \$7-\$40 for purchase.

#GivingTuesday

The Division of Continuing and Innovative Education brings the national movement to make the Tuesday after Thanksgiving a national day of charitable donations to campus. Go to cienews.tumblr.com/givingtuesday to participate.

Give a Spit Campaign

Get your cheek swabbed and be added to the national bone marrow registry from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on West Mall.

Educated Eater event

Learn more about the Food Studies Project and UT food scene in SAC 3.106 at 7:30-8:30 p.m.

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 2005

Bernard Devauchelle and Jean-Michel Dubernard performed the first partial face transplant on Isabelle Dinoire in Amiens, France after Dinoire had been mauled by her dog.



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FOOTBALL

McCoy in, Ash out for Kansas State game

By Chris Hummer

A full year since his last start, Case McCoy is once again atop the depth chart.

On Monday, head coach Mack Brown announced that McCoy will start this week-end's game at Kansas State after David Ash sustained a rib injury in last week's loss to TCU. Ash is listed as questionable this week. This will be the first time this season someone other than Ash has started under center, but this is the

sixth time in the last 24 games the Longhorns have switched starting quarterbacks.

The last time McCoy started a game was in last year's regular season finale against Baylor, a game in which he threw three touchdowns, four interceptions and lost two fumbles.

"This is a great opportunity for him [McCoy] to do what he did at Kansas, drive us down for two touchdowns and score late to win the game, instead of his last experience at Baylor," Brown said.

Brown was unclear when asked about Ash's future as the starter at Texas, and refused to commit on Ash's long-term standing at quarterback.

"I see David being a good player in the future," Brown said for the second time when asked if Ash was his starter in the future.

Co-offensive coordinator Bryan Harsin went on to echo Brown's statement when asked if Ash would be the starter this week if he were healthy.

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Lawrence Peart | Daily Texan file photo

Mack Brown named Case McCoy Texas' starting quarterback for Saturday's game against the No. 6 Wildcats.

CAMPUS



Pu Ying Huang | Daily Texan Staff

Food prep Scarleth Gomez hands a bag of cookies to a diner Monday as part of Jester Second Floor dining hall's "grab 'n go" initiative while it undergoes renovation.

J2 renovation limits menu

By David Loewenberg

Students hoping to find the usual variety of pizzas, burgers, salads and desserts at the Jester Second Floor dining hall Monday had to settle for a construction zone and sack lunches instead.

Monday marked the first day of J2's final phase of renovations, which will require all of the normal dining options to be reduced to a limited menu. In place of

the normal unlimited buffet of food and drinks, students will be offered "grab 'n go" meals, essentially sack lunches, for a reduced price. J2 is expected to return to its normal operating level by the beginning of the spring semester.

The most recent work on J2 is the fourth and final phase in a project with an estimated cost of more than \$14 million, Scott Meyer, director of food service, said.

"J2 renovation started

It's a total bummer because I eat here every lunch and dinner ... I'm going to have to go eat in [Jester City Limits] and waste a bunch of money.

— Elizabeth Schroeder, freshman

— all the utilities and two elevators needed to be worked around."

Some students hoping to dine at J2 on Monday de-

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STATE

Perry names chief of staff to Supreme Court

By Joshua Fechter

Texas Gov. Rick Perry appointed Jeff Boyd, his chief of staff, to a vacated position on the Texas Supreme Court on Monday.

Boyd is Perry's 11th appointment to the Supreme Court since he took office in 2000.

"His addition to the court will continue to protect the

rule of law and further the tradition of defending the freedoms that Texans so vigorously uphold," Perry stated in a press release Monday.

Boyd will replace Dale Wainwright, who resigned in September to practice law in the private sector. The Texas Senate will confirm or reject his appointment when it reconvenes in January.

Before Perry appointed Boyd chief of staff in

October 2011, he served as general counsel to the governor's office.

In April, Perry appointed Buddy Garcia to the Texas Railroad Commission after Garcia served as a commissioner on the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, a governor-appointed position. In June, Perry appointed Jeff Moseley to the

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Jeff Boyd

Texas Supreme Court Justice

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Legislation to encourage community volunteering



Editor's note: We will feature higher education bills filed for Texas' 83rd legislative session, which begins Jan. 8, every day until the end of the semester.

By Bobby Blanchard

Two bills filed in the Texas House of Representatives will encourage more student volunteers if they make it through the upcoming legislative session.

Representative Eddie Lucio III and representative Trey Martinez Fischer each filed bills earlier in November that would encourage Texas high school and college students to put in more volunteer hours. Fischer's bill would add 20 hours of volunteer work to college graduation requirements and Lucio's bill would turn high school students' volunteer hours into tuition credit.

"Serve Your Way to College"

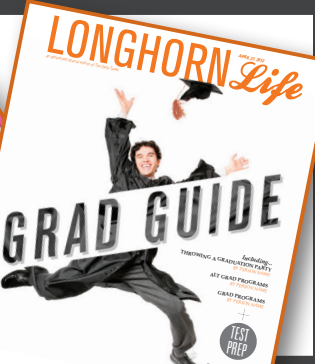
Lucio's legislative director Houston Tower said Lucio's bill would create a pilot program called "Serve Your Way to College," in which students would earn tuition funds in exchange for volunteer hours. Tower said under the program, students would earn at least the equivalent of minimum federal wages in tuition credits.


"We looked at the rates of student debt that students are incurring, and the numbers are skyrocketing," Tower said. "This is a way to make college more affordable to students while they give back to the community. The way we looked at it, it

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LONGHORN Life ...

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NEWS BRIEFLY

Factory broke policy, retailer Wal-Mart says

DHAKA, Bangladesh — Wal-Mart says a Bangladesh garment factory that caught fire Saturday killing 112 people had previously produced merchandise for the retailer without its permission.

Wal-Mart said that one of the company's suppliers had contracted work out to the factory without authorization and in violation of Wal-Mart policies. The company said it terminated its relationship with the supplier Monday.

A Wal-Mart spokesman would not comment on how recently the plant manufactured Wal-Mart clothes. Earlier, the retailer said it could not confirm whether it had an active relationship with the factory.

'Cleaning fairy' gets 1 year of probation

CLEVELAND — An Ohio woman dubbed the "cleaning fairy" after she broke into a home, cleaned it and left a \$75 bill has been put on probation for one year.

A judge sentenced 53-year-old Susan Warren of Elyria on Monday in Cleveland on her guilty plea to attempted burglary. She also must do 20 hours of community service.

The woman told authorities she was driving by the house and "wanted something to do." She broke in, washed some coffee cups, took out the trash, vacuumed and dusted inside the house. Then she left a bill written on a napkin and included her phone number.

Warren says she owns a cleaning business and sometimes enters homes, cleans them and leaves a bill.

—Compiled from Associated Press reports

Egypt's president firm on his decrees

By Hamza Hendawi

Associated Press

CAIRO — Egypt's president told the country's top judges Monday that he did not infringe on their authority when he seized near absolute powers, setting up a prolonged showdown on the eve of a mass protest planned by opponents of the Islamist leader.

The uncompromising stance came during a meeting between President Mohammed Morsi and Supreme Judiciary Council members in a bid to resolve a four-day crisis that has plunged the country into a new round of turmoil with clashes that have left one protester dead and hundreds wounded.

The judiciary, the main target of Morsi's edicts, also has pushed back, calling the decrees a power grab and an "assault" on the branch's independence. Judges and prosecutors stayed away from many courts in Cairo and other cities on Sunday and Monday.

The president also extended the same immunity to two bodies dominated by his Islamist allies — a panel drafting a new constitution and Parliament's mostly toothless upper chamber.

Spokesman Yasser Ali told reporters that Morsi assured the judges that the decrees did not in any way "infringe" on the judiciary and that they were "temporary" and limited only to "sovereignty-related issues."

Two prominent rights lawyers — Gamal Eid and Ahmed Ragheb — dismissed Ali's remarks.

Eid said they were



Ahmed Gomaa | Associated Press

Protesters gather in Tahrir Square in Cairo, Egypt, on Sunday. President Mohammed Morsi edicts, which were announced Thursday, place him above oversight of any kind, including that of the courts. The move has thrown Egypt's troubled transition to democracy into further turmoil, sparking angry protests across the country to demand the decrees be immediately rescinded.

designed to keep "Morsi above the law," while Ragheb said they amounted to "playing with words."

In Washington, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton spoke Monday by telephone with Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammed Kamel Amr to "register American concerns about Egypt's political situation," spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said.

Clinton, she said, stressed that the U.S. wanted to "see the constitutional process move forward in a way that does not overly concentrate power in one set of hands, that ensures that rule of law, checks and balances,

protection of the rights of all groups in Egypt are upheld," Nuland said.

Opposition activists have denounced Morsi's decrees as a blatant power grab, and refused to enter a dialogue with the presidency before the edicts are rescinded. The president has vigorously defended the new powers, saying they are a necessary temporary measure to implement badly needed reforms and protect Egypt's transition to democracy after last year's ouster of his predecessor Hosni Mubarak.

Morsi says he wants to retain the new powers until the new constitution is

adopted in a nationwide referendum and parliamentary elections are held, a time line that stretches to the middle of next year.

Many members of the judiciary were appointed under Mubarak, drawing allegations that they are trying to perpetuate the regime's corrupt practices. But opponents are angry that the decrees leave Morsi without any check on his power.

Morsi, who became Egypt's first freely elected president in June, was quoted by Ali as telling his prime minister and security chiefs earlier Monday that his decrees were designed to "end the transitional period as

soon as possible."

His comments appeared to run contrary to a prediction made earlier Monday by Justice Minister Ahmed Mekki that a resolution of the crisis was imminent. Mekki, who has been mediating between the judiciary and the presidency to try to defuse the crisis, did not give any details.

The dispute is the latest crisis to roil the Arab world's most populous nation, which has faced mass protests, a rise in crime and economic woes since the initial euphoria following the popular uprising that ousted Mubarak after nearly 30 years of autocratic rule.

Cyber Monday sales draw record crowds

By Mae Anderson

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Americans clicked away on their computers and smartphones for deals on Cyber Monday, which is expected to be the biggest online shopping day in history.

Shoppers are expected to spend \$1.5 billion on Cyber Monday, up 20 percent from last year, according to research firm comScore. That would not only make it the biggest online shopping day of the year, but the biggest since comScore started tracking shoppers' online buying habits in 2001.

Online shopping was up 25.6 percent on Cyber Monday compared with the same time period a year ago, according to figures released Monday afternoon by IBM Benchmark, which tracks online sales. The group does not track dollar amount sales.

The strong start to Cyber

Monday comes after overall online sales rose significantly during the four-day holiday shopping weekend that began on Thanksgiving.

It's the latest sign that Americans are becoming addicted to the convenience of the Web. With the growth in high speed Internet access and the wide use of smartphones and tablets, shoppers can buy what they want, whenever they want, wherever they want. People are relying less on their work computers to shop than they did when Shop.org, the digital division of trade group The National Retail Federation, introduced the term "Cyber Monday."

For the holiday season-to-date, comScore found that \$13.7 billion has been spent online, marking a 16 percent increase over last year. The research firm predicts that online sales will surpass 10 percent of total retail spending this holiday season.

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VIEWPOINT

The regulators need regulating

Earlier this month the Sunset Commission, a Texas government institution that oversees state agencies and evaluates their effectiveness, released a report calling for several changes to be made to the Texas Railroad Commission, starting with its name.

Defying logic, the Texas Railroad Commission actually has nothing to do with railroads. Instead, it regulates the state's extremely profitable oil and gas industry. The commission consists of three statewide-elected commissioners, one of whom holds the position of chairman. If the Texas Legislature adopts the Sunset Commission's suggestions, the name will be changed to the Texas Energy Resources Commission, or something similar. The Railroad Commission, the state's oldest agency, hasn't dealt with railroads or transportation in almost 30 years. One wonders why it has taken this long for the state to propose changing the name to something accurate.

The Sunset Commission's report also contained several recommendations with more potential impact than mere semantics. The most contentious of these was the suggestion that campaign contributions for the Railroad Commission's three members be strictly regulated, to avoid conflicts of interest with interested parties in the industry.

Because of large campaign contributions that aren't confined to election seasons but happen throughout the commissioners' six-year terms, the report says, it is "difficult to assure the public that the Commission's regulatory decisions are made solely in the public's interest, not simply in favor of large donors — especially when many key Commission decisions, rightly or not, favor the industry."

In response, the report recommends limiting "the solicitation and receipt of campaign contributions by a Commissioner or any candidates seeking the office to a year and a half timeframe around the election, rather than throughout the full

six-year term." In addition, it suggests prohibiting "a Commissioner from knowingly accepting contributions from a party with a contested case before the Commission," and requiring "the automatic resignation of a Commissioner that announces or becomes a candidate for another elected office."

Despite the U.S. Supreme Court's recent *Citizens United v. FEC* decision, the report says, "nothing has changed that would affect the continued appropriateness of these recommendations."

The suggestions are a step in the right direction. The Texas Railroad Commission oversees the most oil and gas production of any state, with an estimated state economic impact of over \$100 billion. Before 1973 and the years of OPEC dominance, the Texas Railroad Commission had almost total control of the world's oil prices. Not only does the commission allocate production and price levels, but it also enforces industry compliance with federal environmental and safety regulations. While it doesn't have the power it once did, it's still a very big deal. Because of this, making sure the three commissioners aren't being subsidized by the very industry leaders they're supposed to regulate is absolutely imperative.

However, the Railroad Commission itself is not on board with the Sunset Commission's proposal. In its official response to the report, the Railroad Commission "generally agrees with" the name change, but doesn't show the same friendliness to the restrictions on campaign contributions. The response to all three of those proposals is the same: "The Commission should be held to the same standards as all other statewide-elected executive branch officials." That isn't to say the commission is united in their opposition, however. In the Railroad Commission's most recent meeting, Chairman Barry Smitherman expressed amicability to the recommendations, saying that the restricted contribution period was still more than enough time to raise funds, but

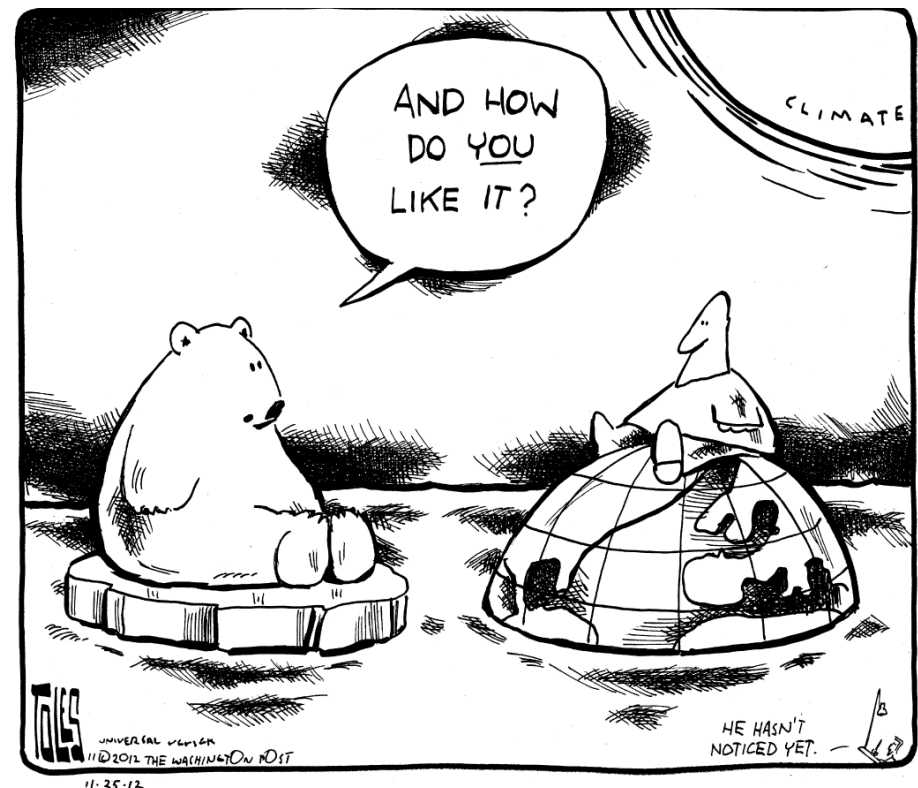
fellow Commissioner David Porter dissented.

The Railroad Commission's official response doesn't acknowledge the problem the Sunset Commission's proposal aims to deal with, and it's not a very substantial argument. While the three Railroad Commissioners are indeed statewide-elected executive branch officials, they have unique and enormous power over the economic, environmental and safety regulations of one of the world's largest industries. They're three of the most influential officials not just in Texas, but in the entire country, and they can't be judged by the same standard as other state officials when it comes to campaign finance. With that in mind, it's hard not to see the Railroad Commission's response as the political equivalent of a spoiled child complaining that it's "not fair," without backing the complaint up with any real reasoning.

It's difficult to put an actual number on the amount of money the three commissioners stand to lose if the Legislature passes the Sunset Commission's recommendations, but it'd likely be a substantial sum. According to the Texas Ethics Commission, between 2010 and the present, Smitherman, Porter and incoming Commissioner Christi Craddick amassed over \$200,000 in campaign contributions, with over half of that amount going to Porter. All three are relatively new to their positions, so it remains to be seen how much they'd be raking in outside of the Sunset Commission's suggested window.

Fortunately, the Railroad Commissioners can't do much to influence the decision on their own campaign finance rules. That'll be up to the state Legislature, which will take the Sunset Commission's proposals into account when it convenes in January. One can only hope our state government exercises common sense not only with regards to the Railroad Commission's obviously necessary name change, but also to its campaign contributions.

GALLERY



Introducing the Texas Drill Daddies

In response to the Texas Sunset Commission's recommendation that the Texas Railroad Commission change its name to more accurately reflect what it does, we have provided suggestions that better represent the spirit and purpose of the state government entity.

1. Not-in-Charge-of-Trains Commission
2. Black Gold Government since 1891
3. H.L. Hunt's Fan Club
4. The Texas Drill Daddies
5. Fast Fracking Permit Providers
6. The Exxon & Chevron-Pays Boys Club
7. The What-Environmental-Consequences? Commission
8. The Only-Large-Donations-Accepted Agency
9. The Texas Secession Funding Commission
10. Rick and Anita Perry's Christmas party A-Listers

Why Americans don't learn languages

By **Maria-Xenia Hardt**

Daily Texan Columnist

Ten years ago, no one would have predicted that I would someday write for an English newspaper, get along in an English-speaking country or study English literature. As a German grammar school student, I was made to believe that English just wasn't my language.

I am doing all those things I previously presumed impossible now because I found the motivation to learn English, spent long hours working through grammar rules and vocabulary and worked as hard as I could when other people asked for a bit more than what I thought was capable of.

In America, being fluent in two or three languages is extraordinary. In Germany, it's average. So what is it that American students lack? Do they lack motivation? Are they unwilling to do the hard work it takes to become fluent in a foreign language? Or is there just no one who pushes them?

Motivation to learn a foreign language is indeed higher in Germany — and in Europe in general — because large populations speaking different languages reside so much closer. Within a 12-hour drive from Germany you can easily pass through five or six countries and read road signs in seven or eight different languages — an experience difficult to replicate in North America.

But that's not the only reason why Germans and Europeans learn more languages than their American counterparts. In German universities, unlike at UT, where even majors in popular languages like French start with a beginner course, students enter college-level language courses more or less fluent. They acquired their language skills in primary and secondary schools. Studying French at the college level in Germany means studying French linguistics or literature; it means gaining an understanding of

the language and the culture that goes far beyond a fluent coffee shop conversation.

At university in Germany, the languages that are not taught in the earlier grades start with very tough introductory courses. Language courses are two hours a week, which is just enough to cover grammar topics. Learning vocabulary, practicing speech and writing are things you either do at home voluntarily or you don't. Failing to do so, however, means that you won't make it to the second year.

So the biggest difference between learning a foreign language in Germany and in the United States is not the level of motivation but the quality and style of teaching in grade school and at universities.

In Austin, I have taught German to pupils at a middle school and I have experienced language instruction at the University as a student. Both groups seemed motivated to learn a foreign language. At the elementary school where I taught, the nine- or ten- year-olds were at the perfect age to acquire a language. But the advantages of their age and their motivation were wasted because the teaching lasted only a week. Those students probably won't hear or read any more German until college, if ever. And longer-term attempts to teach language in grade schools in the United States appear ineffective too. I've met many Americans here who studied French or Spanish for years in school but can now barely remember how to order a coffee. They readily admit that the language programs at their primary and secondary schools were ineffective.

Things seem a bit better at the university level. I've met quite a number of people who study a foreign language in college and, within two or three years, have gained a decent knowledge of that language. Unfortunately, I ended up in a less effective department.

I wanted to continue my study of Portuguese — a language that I had started to study in Germany — and the intermediate Portuguese class I am taking offered promise. It's a small class with a motivated professor. When the

Schools and universities that don't make use of their students' motivation waste their talent, time and so much potential.

semester began, most students were equipped with a sound knowledge of grammar and vocabulary, and I was quite optimistic that this course would help me improve. I was wrong.

Rather than moving on, the course repeated introductory grammar topics. We're not improving; we're just chewing on bits of knowledge most of us had already digested last year.

Learning a foreign language is hard work, and there are moments when I hated every language I've learned so far because I was afraid that I would never get it, or because I thought my head was too full to learn a single word more. But in these moments of self-doubt, I had teachers who said, "Yes, you're good, but you can be better." The Portuguese class doesn't challenge like that. This is not the teacher's fault, she just follows through with the curriculum the department has decided upon. It's not the students' fault either. It's the fault of the department's curriculum, which does not adequately challenge the students. UT's Department of Spanish and Portuguese has good equipment and good teachers, but rather than asking that their students go the extra mile, which is necessary in order that they really make progress, they demand far too little.

Schools and universities that don't make use of their students' motivation waste their talent, time and so much potential. They miss out on equipping young people with the tools they need to successfully go out into the world, communicate, understand and come back with a broadened horizon. I entered the world of the English language a long time ago, and at some point I discovered the beauty of it. I am still walking around in it today and so far it has never ceased to amaze me.

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Sammy Vidaurra works on a snake resin paperweight at Martinez Brothers Taxidermy on Monday evening.

NEWS BRIEFLY

Student with baton arrested at airport

A UT student is facing a felony charge after an airport official found an expandable metal baton in his backpack Wednesday that the student told officials he had forgotten to remove.

According to an affidavit for arrest and detention issued for biology senior Cameron Crane on Wednesday, an Austin-Bergstrom International Airport employee discovered the baton inside the main compartment of Crane's backpack after a routine luggage screening prompted a secondary screening and then search of the backpack.

According to the affidavit, Crane told airport officials the baton was his, and he had forgotten to remove it from his backpack.

Crane was subsequently arrested and charged with carrying a weapon in a prohibited place, a third degree felony punishable with two to 10 years in prison and a possible fine of up to \$10,000.

Crane was released on bond later Wednesday.

— David Maly

Company faces fines for construction deaths

By David Maly

Following a July crane accident at UT-Dallas that resulted in the death of two workers, the company that oversaw the related construction project has been cited and fined by the federal government.

On Nov. 20, the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Harrison Hoist Incorporated of Grand Prairie with six safety violations in relation to the July accident. Proposed fines for the company total \$29,400.

Harrison Hoist has until Dec. 5 to comply with the citations, request an informal conference with the administration's Dallas-area director or contest the findings before the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

According to an administration press release issued Nov. 20, the two killed workers were trying to remove the top portion of a crane's mast when it collapsed, causing them to fall more than 150 feet.

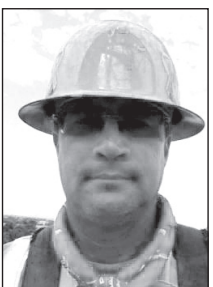
The two workers were Terry Weaver, of Grand Saline, and Thomas Fairbrother Jr., of Austin.

UT-Dallas spokesperson Katherine Morales said they were working on a \$60 million arts and technology building, which is still under construction. She said Harrison Hoist is no longer involved in the project.

According to the press release, violations included the company's failure to address wind speed and weather hazards, failure to adopt procedures for disassembling the crane that would have prevented collapse, failure to minimize workers' exposure to unintended movement or



Thomas Fairbrother Jr.
Austin



Terry Weaver
Grand Saline

collapse of the crane, failure to train workers in compliance with federal regulations and failure to adequately support and stabilize all parts of the equipment. The administration classified all violations as serious.

"A serious violation occurs when there is substantial probability that death or serious physical harm could result from a hazard about which the employer knew or should have known," according to the press release.

Stephen Boyd, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Dallas-area office director, stated in the Nov. 20 press release that employers must take certain steps to ensure safety.

"It is imperative for employers to have procedures in place, train workers and otherwise adhere to safe work practices regarding crane use in order to protect workers who disassemble cranes," Boyd stated in the release.

Magazine rewards UT's diversity efforts

By Christine Ayala

UT is being recognized for its diversity efforts in INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine's December issue, along with 47 other schools that qualified for the magazine's Higher Education Excellence in Diversity award.

INSIGHT awarded colleges and universities with outstanding commitments to diversity and inclusion efforts toward their students, faculty, administrative staff and suppliers. The magazine used race and ethnicity, age, gender, veteran status and LGBTQ communities' information, as well as diversity and inclusion programs as metrics for the award. This is the first year

for the magazine to give the diversity award.

INSIGHT publisher Holly Mendelson said the award is meant to honor schools that are making an effort through inclusionary practices rather than having the highest number of minority students.

"It's not like other awards where if you have a certain student population you automatically get the award," Mendelson said. "Schools had to go above and beyond to provide us information. We really looked at the individual school. What works for one school doesn't necessarily work for others."

Erica Saenz, a spokesperson for UT's Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, who applied for

the award on behalf of the University, said INSIGHT took an in-depth look at how UT is working to create an inclusive community.

UT's application included diversity training opportunities, recruitment efforts, multicultural or diversity events, recognition programs for diversity and inclusion, efforts toward an inclusive and accessible campus community and how UT manages discrimination complaints from students.

"Serving the people of Texas means serving a diverse population, and UT-Austin embraces diversity as a strategic priority," Saenz said. "The inaugural and national award is a great reflection of UT-Austin and the efforts our stu-

dents, staff and faculty are engaged in with the goal of creating an inclusive campus community."

Gregory Vincent, vice president for diversity and community engagement, said the division was created in 2006 to make diversity a priority. He said having a division dedicated to making the campus an accepting place also helped prove UT's commitment to its diversity efforts to INSIGHT.

"Certainly excellent diversity efforts are happening all across the campus," Vincent said. "One of the main reasons we received the award is because [UT President William Powers Jr.] created this division, which gave some focus and leadership to this important effort."

#GivingTuesday counteracts holiday follies

By Jordan Rudner

Thanksgiving is a holiday for food, family and giving thanks, but it is often overshadowed by Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Organizations working together on a new movement called #GivingTuesday hope to use social media to add yet another element to the Thanksgiving season: shifting the focus from personal consumption to charitable giving.

UT's Continuing and Innovative Education office has partnered with more than 2,000 organizations as part of a national push to rebrand the Tuesday after Thanksgiving as #GivingTuesday, a symbolic start to "the season of giving." Major partners include the United Nations Foundation, JPMorgan Chase and The Huffington Post.

The campaign will operate mainly through social media, as most partners have agreed to post information about the event on their websites.

Wayne Wenske, spokesperson for the office, said his organization and the #GivingTuesday movement have very similar goals. The Continuing and Innovative Education office runs programs including University Extension, the UT Online High School and a Migrant Student Graduation Enhancement program.

"We serve a great number of underserved populations in the community, and because we reach out to

people who are often not thought of, we're glad to be involved in a movement that takes a moment to remember the charities that help," Wenske said.

In partnering with the #GivingTuesday movement, the department also hopes to draw attention to itself, said Stacy McCracken, the office's deputy director for external relations.

"A lot of the time, people don't even realize that a program like ours exists at UT," McCracken said. "The more people who know about what we do, the bigger a difference we can make."

Mechanical engineering junior Reena Anthraper said

persuading consumers to donate money immediately after two major shopping holidays will be difficult.

"People are going to be like, 'No, I just spent all this money on Black Friday getting Christmas gifts for my family. I'm not in a position to give back right now,'" Anthraper said.

She said the initiative would be more effective if the focus were on charitable giving by companies, not individuals.

"I feel like the only way #GivingTuesday would work would be if the companies themselves were giving something away," Anthraper said.

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FOOTBALL

Injured or not, Ash had to cede job to McCoy

 **By Christian Corona**
Daily Texan Columnist

Mack Brown, however reluctantly, did the right thing. He made Case McCoy his starting quarterback.

The Longhorns' longtime head football coach would not make it clear if David Ash was Texas' quarterback of the future, despite consistently making it clear Case McCoy isn't.

When Ash fractured his left, non-throwing wrist against Oklahoma, he maintained his spot atop the Longhorns depth chart. After marching Texas into the end zone twice in a comeback win over Kansas, McCoy had still not done enough to earn the starting quarterback job.

But with Ash listed as questionable with a rib injury he suffered during Texas' 20-13 loss to TCU on Thursday, McCoy is finally the man under center for the Longhorns' regular season finale against Kansas State.

"Case comes in with a little spark," junior guard Mason Walters said. "He's always good at getting the guys riled up, saying, 'I know they're not naming me the starter, but I can come in here and play with y'all.' That gets us all fired up and ready to go. He is a bit more fiery [than Ash]."

McCoy is a more vocal leader than Ash. That much is obvious. But it takes more than a spark to win a starting quarterback job — and



Andrew Torrey | Daily Texan Staff

David Ash threw three interceptions in the first half of Thursday's 20-13 loss to TCU. He exited the game early in the fourth quarter with a rib injury. Now, he has lost his starting job to backup Case McCoy, who will start this weekend against Kansas State.

McCoy's actions on the field have spoken louder than any words he could say in a huddle.

He's been a more efficient passer than Ash this season and Texas' offense is more productive when he's under center. Over their last six games, the Longhorns have scored 38 points in 10 drives that McCoy has led while scoring 138 points in 65 drives that Ash has been the quarterback for.

"He always brings confidence to us and we're looking forward to him starting this week," freshman running

back Johnathan Gray said. "He brings motivation. He's an outgoing guy who's always fired up and ready to do what the coaches ask of him."

Ash has committed seven turnovers, two of them in the game against TCU, during that stretch, while McCoy has committed only one, although it was costly — a game-sealing interception at the end of that loss to the Horned Frogs.

Yet Brown would not say who would be his starting quarterback this week if Ash had been healthy.

"We don't get into if's and what's," Brown said. "It wasn't a decision [based on performance] so we didn't have to think about it. We're trying to figure out what to do with what we've got."

Since he's unwilling to take the redshirt off either of his two freshman quarterbacks, Connor Brewer and Jalen Overstreet, what he's got is a punter for a backup. Senior Alex King, who's averaging better than 45 yards per punt this year, will serve as Texas' second-string signal-caller

Saturday if Ash can't play.

"What we've decided is to go with Case, have Alex be our backup and hope David can play in a backup role if we need him," Brown said. "Alex is more like Case. He's going to have to run all of our second-team reps for the week. Do you have him more in shotgun? Do you have him more under center? We've got a lot of things to look at."

When Texas takes the field this weekend, we'll all be looking at an offense that finally has the right man at quarterback.

STAT GUY



Texas' freshman point guard, Javan Felix has filled in well for starting point guard Myck Kabongo, by averaging eight points and six assists through the Longhorns' first five games.

Zachary Strain
Daily Texan Staff

Felix's start parallels Texas greats

 **By Hank South**
Daily Texan Columnist

Texas men's basketball has been a model of inconsistency the past couple of seasons. The Longhorns will show flashes of brilliance, only to follow them up by disappointment come season's end. While the Longhorns have managed to make their way to the NCAA Tournament the past 14 seasons, Texas

hasn't been a relevant force since 2010-11.

This season has started out rough. The team has dropped a pair of early season games, one at the hands of Division II Chaminade at the Maui Invitational — a team that has a (7-76) record in the annual preseason tournament. There are multiple factors plaguing the Longhorns including extreme youth, the entire roster comprises of freshmen and sophomores, with the exception of two senior

walk-ons. But possibly the most detrimental is that second-year point guard Myck Kabongo has yet to be cleared by the NCAA to return to the court. Kabongo's replacement, freshman Javan Felix, hasn't wowed the Texas faithful yet, but has proved an admirable fill-in for Kabongo.

Felix happens to hail from the same high school (St. Augustine, New Orleans, LA) as former Texas star and current

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Horns back at home after terrible Maui trip

By Christian Corona

After a disappointing showing at the Maui Invitational, the Longhorns return to the Erwin Center on Tuesday night to face Sam Houston State.

Texas took down Mississippi State, 69-55, in the tournament's seventh-place game Wednesday but it didn't do much to ease the pain of losses to Chaminade, a Division II team, and Southern California the two previous days.

"We finally played somewhat as a team and somewhat hard but we still have a lot to get better at," sophomore forward Jonathan Holmes said. "We definitely need to get tougher. We need to grow up and figure how to play a whole game."

Texas is facing a Bearkats team that has not once beaten it during head

coach Rick Barnes' tenure. The Longhorns have won 36 straight games against non-conference teams at home. However, after falling to Chaminade, no contest may be the sure victory it appears to be.

The Longhorns have struggled without sophomore point guard Myck Kabongo and sophomore forward Jaylen Bond, who has a left foot injury that is not season-ending but will force him to miss a significant amount of time. Meanwhile, the NCAA's investigation into whether Kabongo received impermissible benefits this offseason drags on, meaning he will miss his sixth straight game Tuesday.

"Our two leaders haven't played," Barnes said. "And they may not play for a while. So that can't be an excuse. You're talk-

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BIG 12 NOTEBOOK

OU needs help from rivals to win Big 12 championship

By Wes Maulsby

The BCS Championship and Rose Bowl matchups will be decided this weekend. The ACC, Big 12 and Big East champions will all get an automatic bid, leaving only three at-large bids. Florida and Oregon are likely to be guaranteed a bid with each school being ranked in the top 5 of the BCS, leaving one bid open. If Kent State beats Northern Illinois in the MAC Championship this weekend, it will likely take the

final at-large bid by jumping into the top 16.

The Sooners need some help.

Oklahoma has to beat TCU in its final conference game and then root for Texas. The Sooners have to hope that a team they beat by 42 points can upset Kansas State at home. If Texas is unable to beat Kansas State, then Oklahoma may be shut out of the BCS picture completely.

Some streaks end ...

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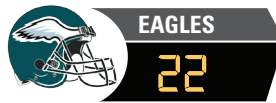


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Oklahoma quarterback Landry Jones led the Sooners to a 51-48 overtime win against rival Oklahoma State on Saturday. The Sooners still need help from other schools to make a BCS bowl.

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The number of times Texas has changed its starting quarterback in the last 24 games.

66.7

Case McCoy's completion percentage during the 2012 season.

67.7

David Ash's completion percentage during the 2012 season.

SPORTS BRIEFLY

A&M's Manziel talks for first time this year

The legend of Johnny Football has grown all season while Johnny Manziel piled up yards and the Texas A&M Aggies piled up wins.

On Monday, the freshman quarterback finally weighed in on his catchy nickname as he spoke to the media for the first time all season.

"I think a lot of people here in Aggieland enjoy it," he said. "But I find it extremely funny."

The success of Manziel and the Aggies is no joke. His 4,600 yards of total offense have helped No. 10 A&M to its first 10-win season since 1998, and has him among the top contenders for the Heisman Trophy.

Manziel said he respected coach Kevin Sumlin's decision for him not to speak to the media this season because he's a freshman. But he's happy to have a chance to talk about this season.

"It's kind of nice now to be able to kind of let you guys know how I am a little bit more," he said. "There's so many question marks out there."

— Associated Press

MCCOY *continues from page 1*

This week would be a week when both the guys would've had an opportunity to compete as the week went on, with the way the game [the loss to TCU] went," Harsin said.

McCoy has been effective in relief of Ash this season, throwing a pair of touchdowns in garbage time against Oklahoma, leading a game-winning comeback versus Kansas and engineering a late-game push in the final minutes of the TCU game.

In seven appearances this season, McCoy has thrown for 408 yards, four touchdowns,

one interception and has a 66.7 completion percentage.

"The best thing about Case is that he hasn't been the starter, but he hasn't been sitting at home or doing something other than playing football," offensive guard Mason Walters said. "He's been keyed in the whole time. I've got confidence in him being able to come in and run the game plan and not have any drop off of that confidence."

McCoy brings a slightly different element to the Longhorns' attack with his scrambling ability, but Harsin

The best thing about Case is that he hasn't been the starter, but he hasn't been sitting at home or doing something other than playing football.

— *Mason Walters, offensive guard*

was clear that the offensive scheme won't change with McCoy under center. Brown added that he wouldn't alter the offense to accommodate McCoy's arm strength.

"No concern about his arm strength," Brown said. "It's good enough to win."

McCoy started five games last season and went 3-2. However, he lost the starting role for good after Texas' 24-point loss to Baylor. Ash has started every game since, beginning with the Bridge-point Education Holiday Bowl last December.

FELIX *continues from page 6*

Charlotte Bobcat D.J. Augustin. Both Felix and Kabongo have the potential to be the next great point guard on the 40 Acres, like Augustin proved to be. Let's take a look at the stats comparing the three point guards through their first five games as Longhorns.

In 2006, during Augustin's freshman campaign, the Longhorns started the season 4-1 with the loss coming to Michigan State. Augustin averaged 9.6 points and 7.4 assists, shooting 47 percent from the field while averaging 32 minutes a game. The Longhorns went on to have a fairly successful season going 25-10, upsetting Oklahoma State and Texas A&M while giving Kansas a couple of scares, one of them coming in the Big 12 Championship game. Augustin spent most of the season in the shadow of fellow freshman superstar Kevin Durant.

Kabongo was one of the highest rated high school players coming into the 2011 season. During his freshman campaign,

the Longhorns -- similar to 2012 -- started 3-2, dropping contests to more formidable opponents, Oregon State and North Carolina State. Kabongo averaged 8.4 points and 5.2 assists, shot 25 percent from the field and averaged 27 minutes a game.

This season, Felix has averaged eight points and six assists per game, while shooting 29 percent from the field in 37 minutes a contest. One of the biggest plagues of this year's team has been turnovers. Against Coppin State the Longhorns turned the ball over 26 times, the most ever under head coach Rick Barnes, eight of which came via Felix. The freshman has averaged 3.6 turnovers a game, which is almost identical to the marks Augustin and Kabongo set, they averaged 3.2 and 3.4 respectively.

It's fair to say that all three of these point guards have had extremely similar starts to their careers as Longhorns. If Kabongo remains disallowed from participation, Felix will have the opportunity to make a name for himself thanks to the brutality Texas' schedule offers, come December.

STATS THROUGH FIRST FIVE CAREER GAMES		
Augustin	Kabongo	Felix:
9.6 points	8.4 points	8.0 points
7.4 assistis	5.2 assists	6.0 assists
3.2 turnovers*	3.4 turnovers*	3.6 turnovers*
*per game		

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75-yard touchdown ... "pass" from Geno Smith to Tavon Austin and a late fumble by Iowa State to get its first win since Oct. 6. West Virginia had lost every game since beating Texas and earning a Top 5 ranking. The Mountaineers defense allowed 49 points per game in that stretch, giving up more than 50 points on three occasions. Kansas State and Texas Tech combined to end any chance Smith had of winning the Heisman by holding West Virginia to 28 points combined.

The Mountaineers had several good chances to end that losing skid, but could not stop the opposition. TCU and Oklahoma both won by a single point and the Horned Frogs needed double overtime to knock off the Mountaineers.

West Virginia has a chance to start a more positive streak now as it moves toward its game against Kansas and then a bowl game.

...While others continue

Kansas is winless in its last 20 conference games; even worse, the Jayhawks are winless in their last 23 conference games against teams currently in the Big 12. Their last winning season came in 2008 when they beat Minnesota to finish 8-5. The Jayhawks have won 11 games since 2009 and have a staggering 36 losses.

They are one of only three teams in BCS automatic qualifying conferences without a conference win. Auburn and Kentucky are the other teams without a conference win, and both of those schools are looking for new coaches at the moment.

Kansas is in desperate need of some good fortune. The Jayhawks have been irrelevant since their shocking Orange Bowl win following the 2007 season. Defeating West Virginia for their first conference win in ages could help.

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ing about two of our best defensive players, our best rebounder. With that said, we've got to have other guys step up and fill the leadership role. It might not just be one person. Collectively, that's got to happen."

Texas is allowing opponents to shoot just 33 percent from the floor, the fifth-best mark in the country, and will be facing a Sam Houston State squad that is shooting only 36.9 percent from the floor, the nation's 17th-worst mark. But the Longhorns will need to limit their turnovers.



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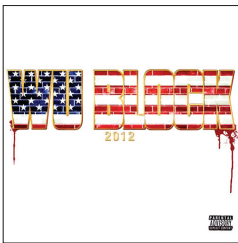
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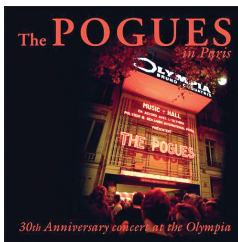
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Michael Probst | Associated Press

US singer Alicia Keys performs during the 2012 MTV European Music Awards show at the Festhalle in Frankfurt, Germany, on Sunday, Nov. 11, 2012. Her new album *Girl on Fire* is a solid continuation of her neo-soul sound.

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pleasant acoustic-guitar-and-shaker production.

The album closes out with three strong songs, starting with the world-music-inflected but oddly

titled “Limitedless.” “One Thing” and “101” wrap things up with two strong ballads, notable for their collective sense of honesty and urgency. Finally, Keys

reaches back for one last vocal climax on the unlisted outro, defiantly screaming “Hallelujah — kicked down the door!”

It’s an appropriate ending

for an album that doesn’t necessarily mark a drastic change in direction, but rather represents a continuation of a steady and thoroughly enjoyable course.

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are laughably absurd, with gems such as, “I joined the mile high club while flying the plane.”

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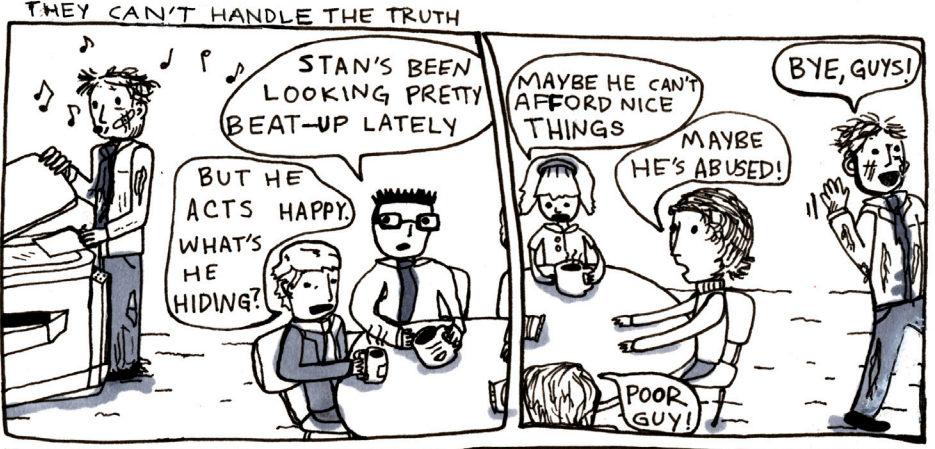
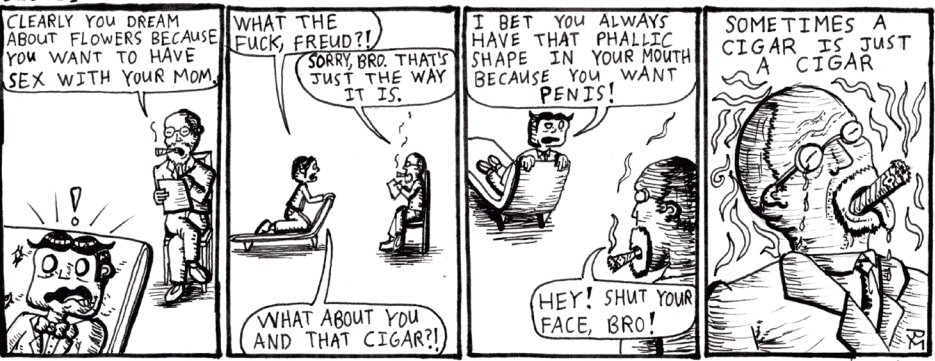
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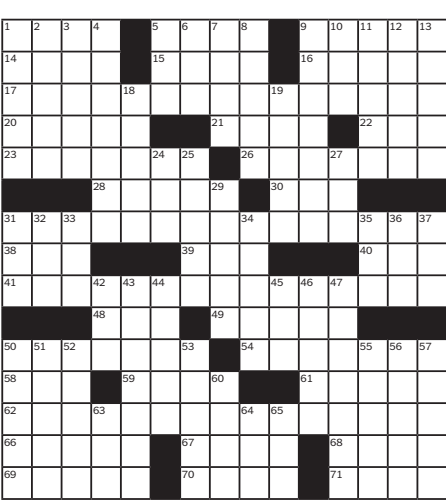
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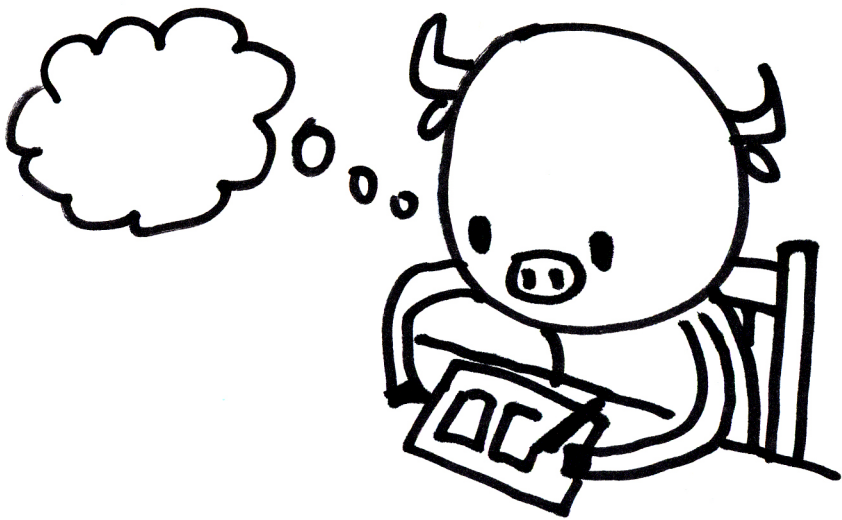
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Mediterranean and Baltic, in Monopoly: Abbr.
 - 5 Org. suggested by the starts of 17-, 31-, 41- and 62-Across
 - 9 Kind of point
 - 14 Tora ____ (Afghan area)
 - 15 Pop
 - 16 One of the Dutch Antilles
 - 17 Pricey accommodations on a ship
 - 20 Hi hi
 - 21 Kaput
 - 22 Fruit drink
 - 23 One who knows his beans?
 - 26 In a row
 - 28 "I ____ what I said"
 - 30 "+" thing
 - 31 Ward worker
- DOWN**
- 38 Like some highly-rated bonds
 - 39 Grant-giving org.
 - 40 Dog command
 - 41 What disabled people are entitled to on a subway
 - 48 Mich./Minn. separator
 - 49 Sei + uno
 - 50 Bell site
 - 54 "Hmmm ..."
 - 58 "____ ba-a-ack!"
 - 59 Hemingway's nickname
 - 61 Words after hang or dash
 - 62 Quick way to pay
 - 66 Maker of Alevé
 - 67 Western tribe
 - 68 Prefix with European
 - 69 Little helpers?
 - 70 5-Across's business
- ACROSS**
- 17 Olympic female gymnast, typically
 - 19 '90s-'00s Britcom
 - 2 "Ta-da!"
 - 3 Overthrowing a base, e.g.
 - 4 Menu item often accompanied by wasabi
 - 5 Pac-12 school, for short
 - 6 Roman sun god
 - 7 Droids, e.g.
 - 8 Obama girl
 - 9 Group within a group
 - 10 Man-mouse link
 - 11 Like the rumba, originally
 - 12 Tolerate
 - 13 Like interstates
 - 18 Shocks, in a way
 - 19 Sphere or pyramid
 - 24 Bit of body art, informally
 - 25 Regarding
 - 27 Beast with a beard
 - 29 Low poker holdings
 - 31 Jay-Z's genre
 - 32 Musician's asset
 - 33 Moo goo ____ pan
 - 34 Hotel meeting room amenity
 - 35 Hitter's stat
 - 36 Statehouse worker: Abbr.

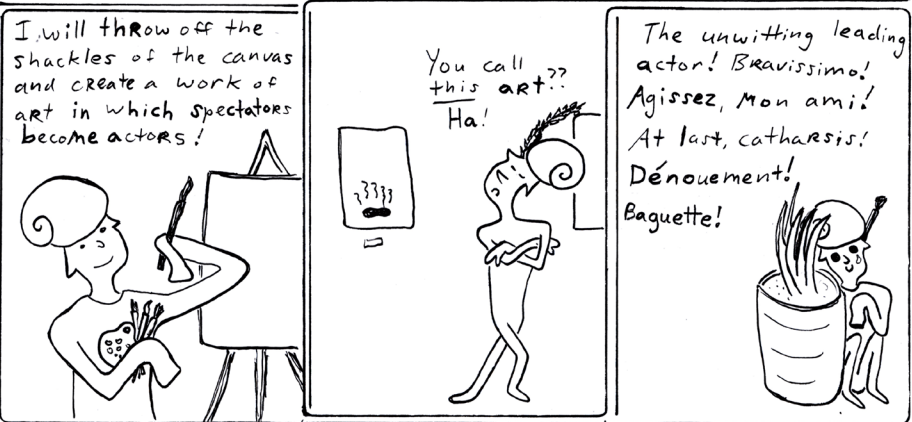


- ACROSS**
- 37 A snake may swallow one whole
 - 42 Part of i.o.u.
 - 43 Bodice ____ (old-fashioned romance novels)
 - 44 Puerto Rico y La Española
 - 45 Summer on the 55-Down
 - 46 High level?
 - 47 Do-it-yourself diagnostic tool
 - 50 Biblical land on the Arabian Peninsula
 - 51 ____-size (big)
 - 52 Awards won by LeBron James and David Beckham
 - 53 British racetrack site
 - 55 Rhône feeder
 - 56 Avoid
 - 57 Rocker John
 - 60 Court records
 - 63 Like many seniors: Abbr.
 - 64 ____ polloi
 - 65 Wriggly fish

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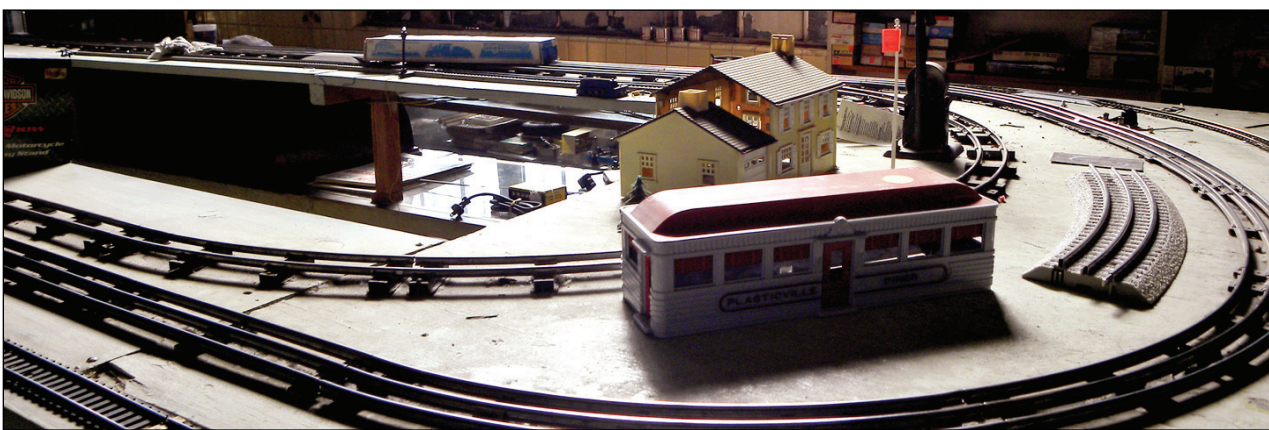
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San Antonio offers more than just the Alamo. Those willing to venture off the beaten track can visit the redeveloped Pearl Brewery, the “collectibles and antiques” shop Small World Hobbies or F.I.S.H, an installation of fish sculptures under Interstate Highway 35.

Exploring river city

By Laura Wright

It’s hard to deny that “going to the San Antonio River Walk to look at Christmas lights” sounds like an activity one does with one’s grandparents. But in the holiday season, a day in the river city south of Austin can offer a needed respite from the hipper-than-thou haunts of Austin. Spend an afternoon exploring San Antonio, as this reporter did Saturday, and you’ll find more than just the campy pleasures

of the River Walk.

Start your day at Small World Hobbies, a hidden treasure in an otherwise vacant part of town. Located at 935 Fredericksburg Road, the shop is run by Arthur Flores, who studied architecture at UT during WWII. Though Small World Hobbies is more of a “collectibles and antiques” store than a hobby shop, the store sells everything you never knew you wanted: rows of model cars, a stuffed red macaw and a vintage postcard commemorating Charles and

Diana’s wedding.

After stocking up on enviable goods at Small World Hobbies, head down the road to Kate’s Frosting, at 2518 N. Main Ave.. Sure, a lot of people have jumped on the cupcake train as of late, but not everyone does it as well as Kate. The bakery sells miniature versions of many of Kate’s flavor combinations, so you can go for variety without being a glutton. Grab a “ruby slipper” red velvet cupcake and make the short drive to the Japanese Tea Garden at

3853 N. St. Mary’s Street.

Walk up the concrete path just outside the Tea Garden and a jewel-toned, multi-tiered garden suddenly appears in what was once a rock quarry. Though culturally-themed parks often feel more Epcot than accurate, the long history of these gardens softens the edges of its giant stone pagoda. Built between 1917 and 1918, the garden was once tended to by the Jingu, a family of Japanese

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SEX

‘Confessions’ celebrate sex, sexuality

By Elijah Watson

Sadie Smythe, co-producer of monthly sex-talk extravaganza Bedpost Confessions, screams the word “climax” to a crowd of 300 individuals, comfortably seated in East Side venue ND.

Smythe is halfway through retelling a sexual encounter she had at this year’s Burning Man event. The tension rises as Smythe explicitly describes the experience. The crowd bursts into laughter and approving hollers and applause. The scene is a representation of what Bedpost Confessions is about: a space where friends, lovers and strangers can listen to and share sexual experiences in a comfortable and friendly setting.

Bedpost Confessions began in 2010. Smythe, Julie Gillis, Mia Martina and Rosie Q wanted to create a place where people could tell their own erotic sexual stories.

Initially, getting people to share their stories in front of strangers was difficult.

“The first couple of months I was reading my stuff once a month,” Smythe said. “People were either hesitant about sharing, or were willing to share but their story was not quite there.”

Regardless of outside



Pu Ying Huang | Daily Texan Staff

Sadie Smythe is the co-producer of Bedpost Confessions, a monthly erotic reading series where people share their own sexual experiences.

participation, the producers began scouting out venues to host what would be the first Bedpost Confessions erotic reading. They chose 29th Street Ballroom at Spider House, taking up the venue’s bar section in between the ballroom and the main entrance.

“We expected maybe 20 people to show up — 60 people showed up,” Smythe said. “Shoulder to shoulder, with Gillis, Martina, Q and I, reading stories from our own sexual experiences.”

Gradually, guest readers participated, with the producers helping them along the way. Bedpost Confessions has featured readers of all sorts: from the semi-famous like Bitch Magazine’s Joshunda Sanders, to former Los Angeles dominatrix Claire Evora.

Applicants must present their story to one of the producers several months prior to the event date to become a speaker. To be chosen, a piece must be about sex or sexuality, well written and described

in a positive light. Stories that receive a majority vote are approved for the stage.

Those still wary about sharing their sexual experiences can participate in audience confessions. This activity, which has become an integral part of Bedpost Confessions, lets audience members write down anonymous confessions, which are then placed in a bag and read by the producers on stage. The confessions

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MUSIC | NEW ARRIVALS

Keys smolders on new album as *Girl on Fire*

By Ricky Stein

“It’s been a while, I’m not who I was before,” Alicia Keys sings on the first full track of her fifth studio album *Girl on Fire*, released Monday by RCA Records. The song is preceded by a somber, elegant piano intro that effectively sets the tone for the album’s 13 tracks.

“Brand New Me” is the 31-year-old Harlem-born neo-soul singer’s opening statement, a suggestion that *Girl on Fire* marks a new direction in her 12-year career as a major label recording artist. In reality, the album never ventures too far from Keys’ established formula of introspective Prince-meets-Stevie-Wonder soul-pop, which isn’t a bad thing at all.

Keys has made a living off writing songs that emphasize her subtle self-assuredness. Her determination has paid off in sustained stardom and critical respect, even if the songwriting itself does not always live up to the highest standards.

Fortunately, the album’s high points outnumber the lows. Title track and lead single “Girl on Fire” features the juxtaposition of a viciously rapped intro by Nicki Minaj over an iron-laden ‘80s drum-beat that somehow metamorphoses into a soaring doo-wop-influenced bal-

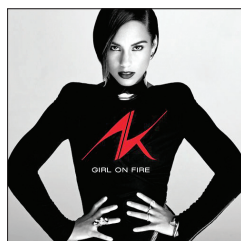
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lad that showcases Keys’ prodigious vocal talents.

Other highlights include the ominous fuzz-tone of “When It’s All Over” and the hypnotic space vibe of “Listen to Your Heart.” The latter, co-written with John Legend and co-produced with Rodney “Darkchild” Jerkins, comes from somewhere way beyond left field, transporting the listener into a futuristic ride through a set of neon lights and tunnels, with Keys’ soft croon serving as guide.

The second half of the album wanes somewhat, with an obvious nadir at the predictable, love-is-better-than-money piano ballad “Not Even the King.” “That’s When I Knew” comes across as equally trite, an overly maudlin love song that brings nothing new or interesting to the art form aside from the

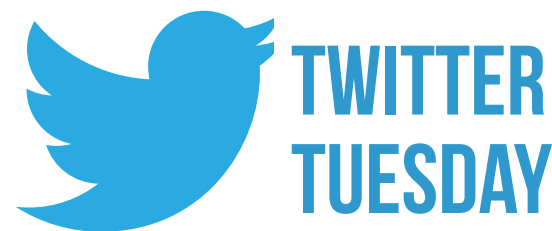
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Alicia Keys

Girl on Fire

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